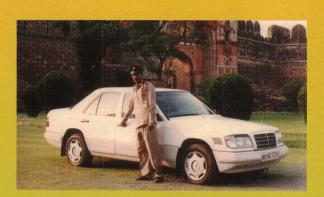


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Shellley and I would like to thank Kathy for the superb job she has done producing the magazine this past year. She has spent many hours at the computer when she would have rather been on the golf course I'm sure. She has also spent a lot of time with Shelley and myself trying to teach us this onerous job which we will try our best to do 🚩 over the next few months.

We are still looking for a more computer literate person than ourselves to take over this position and we can help when we are here.

Remember we are all volunteers and amateurs! We would appreciate any constructive help members can give us.

🏴 Laura Jorgensen.

DEADLINE to submit for May 15th issue.

Articles, notice board etc.: Friday 4th May.

Advertisements, April 30th.

Thank you

Delhi Network meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Entrance to a meeting is Rs 150 for members and Rs 200 for non-members. Annual membership is Rs 300. You can become a member at any monthly meeting or at the Delhi Network office.

Delhi Network Handbooks are available for purchase at all meetings or at the office: cost Rs 300 for members and Rs 400 for non-members.

The Delhi Network office is located in the Hyatt's Shopping Arcade. The Office Manager is Sandra Fruhstuck. Office hours are 10 am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday. Stop in for free advice, a newsletter or a Delhi Network Handbook if you missed the last meeting, or to drop off your newsletter contributions. We are seeking volunteers to work in the office. If you're interested (and it is a good way to meet new people), contact Sandra.

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From Your President

From Your New President

I am sitting here with my suitcase packed, waiting for the magic hour when we can head for the airport. Not running away from my responsibilities as President, I assure you, just taking my dear husband back to Scotland for a break.

Me, President, I must say the thought is rather daunting; Brenda will be a hard act to follow. It has been a pleasure working with her for the past year, so level-headed and sensible, and a great friend too. Thank you all for ensuring the elections of the new board went so Smoothly, after the rather tense meeting last year we weren't sure what to expect. I felt the atmosphere was much more relaxed; maybe it had something to do with the stimulating talk on Feng Shui preceding the elections!

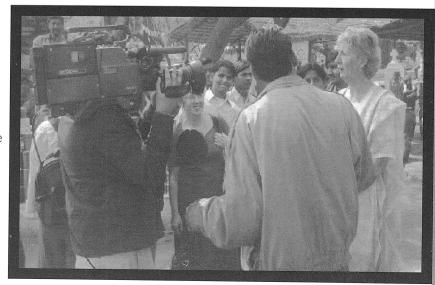
I am sure your faith in the new board will be justified, all the new Committee members are keen and raring to go- so much so the Vice President, President and Treasurer are all deserting you for the April meeting. One of the reasons I agreed to "upgrade" so to speak, is the fact that the existing members of the committee are so competent, I know they are more than capable of organising the meeting without us.

Our next big function will be "The Shop 'til You Drop", to be held on May the 5th. The organisation is well under way, and I hope you will approve on our choice of vendors. A lot of them have not been to Delhi Network before. This will be a good chance for all of you returning home to escape the heat of the Delhi summer, to stock up with interesting presents to take with you.

Well I think I can hear the taxi outside, so I will have to go. I leave you with a picture of our past-president, being interviewed by "Zee TV" last month, the fame of Delhi Network is spreading!!!! Have a good Easter,

wherever you are, I will think of you while I am wrapped up warm, walking round the Isle of Skye (a small but beautiful island off the west coast of Scotland) with my dogs, or sitting in front of a roaring log fire, while the rain beats down--- can't wait.

Jeannine.



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Please, we need your contributions for the newsletter.

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THERE ARE STILL 2 VACANCIES FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD LEADERS. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT CAROLA LUETH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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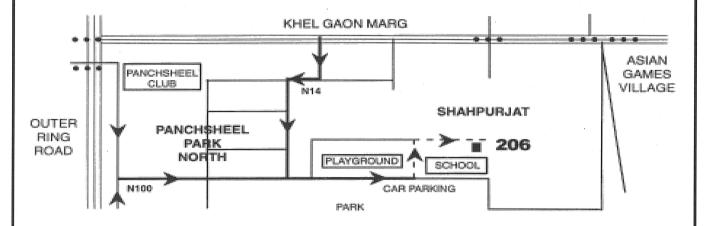


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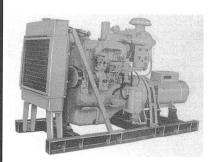


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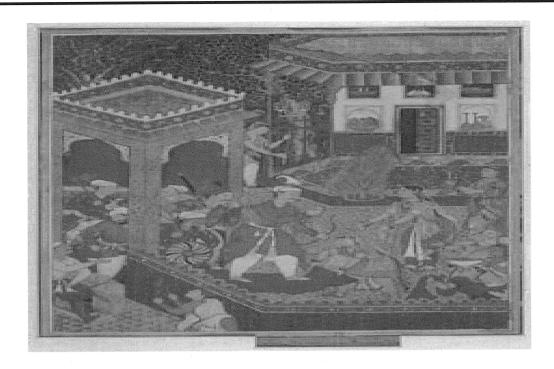
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From the Nasli and Alice Heeramaneck Collection, Museum Associates Purchase, M.78.9.1

This scene depicts an episode from an epic whose hero is Hamza, warrior and uncle of the prophet Muhammad. One of a set of 1,400 paintings on cloth, this unusually large illustration was held up to view while the text relating the tale was recited aloud.

The Hanzanama was a favorite with Akbar (1542 1605), third Mughal emperor of India and an influential patron of the arts. The twelve volumes of the series were executed in his imperial atelier under the supervision of two Persian painters: Mir Sayyid Ali and Khwaja Abd as-Samad. These artists helped create the Mughal style, a new school of painting incorporating Turkish, Persian, and other painting traditions. Only about 140 works from Akbar's Hamzanama are known to survive. The painting exhibits Indian style in its attention to the women's postures and the folds of their clothing as well as to the intricate, naturalistic foliage of the tree trunks. The substantial architectural setting is also an Indian preoccupation, although its elements, the portico and pavilion, are Persian, as are the intricately patterned surfaces of wall, floor tiles, and roofs, the three-quarter profiles, and shading. Standard pictorial elements identify warriors, retainers, and attendants. Absence of linear perspective makes a lively contrast with the more naturalistically rendered figures and the foreshortened red carpet. The vertical tilt of courtyard and pavilion conveys the tumultuous entry of the heroes in the foreground, reaffirming the narrative action

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The Wine Scenario in India



Wine has been known about and imbibed in India since prehistoric times. Artefacts of the great Indus civilization, contemporaneous with Egypt of the Pharaohs have indicated its use. Wine, then known as soma, was associated with Indra, the warrior god and the most popular deity of the Hindu pantheon. Soma was poured as a libation and drunk at religious festivals. Macedonian colonies established in India by Alexander the Great, also

propagated the wine (the British museum has a attractive silver wine bowl from this culture). Wines have been lauded in poetry for many centuries, the most famous example being the immortal verses of the renowned Indo-Persian master OMAR KHAYYAM (1048-1131)in his celebrated 'Rubaiyat'.

The wines have been lauded in poetry for many centuries. Many of these famous verses have been penned by the immortal Poet and writer of "Rubaiyat" Omar Khayyam in whose honour has been named this great sparkling wine.

And lately, by the Tavern Door Agape, Came shining through the Dusk and Angle Shape Bearing a Vessel on his shoulder; and He bid me taste of it; and, 'twas - the Grape!

A Book of Versus underneath the Bough, A Jug of Wine, a loaf of Bread - and Thou Beside me singing in the Wilderness Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enow! Omar Khavyam

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Early European travellers to the courts of the grand Moghul Emperors, Akbar (1550 - 1605), Jehangir (1605 - 1627), and Shah Jehan (1627 - 1658, famous for building the 'Taj Mahal') have had the opportunity to taste the famous wines of Hyderabad, Surat and from the renowned royal vineyards in Maharashtra. Alas, no examples of these wines exist today. But many pictures and works of art including, particularly a gold coin ordered by Jehangir himself, brandishing a wine cup remain with us and bear testimony to the popularity and enchanting qualities of the wines of that era.

In the 19th century, under the British influence, vineyards were also established in Kashmir and Baramati, Maharashtra (land of the twelve soils). At the Great Calcutta Exhibition of 1884 a number of Indian wines were exhibited and favourably received.

But alas, in 1890 the Indian vineyards, as had happened to those in Europe were decimated by Phylloxera (a wine louse that destroyed most of the wines in the world). Despite a strong recommendation then, to the Imperial government of the day by eminent Professor Royle, that grafted American vine roots should be utilised, it has taken nearly a century for Indian vineyards to reach anything approaching their former glory. Wines have been made in India for some time. But Classic wines are new to India. By this we mean, wines made in the traditional French style, from specially grown grapes, root stocks of which are imported and grown on Indian soil. These are also referred to as "Authentic Wines", "French, Classic Wines" or "Fine Wines".

The current Renaissance of Classic Wines has taken place in the traditional areas of Maharashtra under the inspiration of Mr. Sham Chougule, chairman of the Indage Group Of Companies. With root stocks of Chardonnay, Ugni Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir specially brought from France, vineyards have been re-established at a height of about 850 meters above sea level and a major state-of-the-art winery built, to produce exclusive Sparkling Wines by Methode Traditionelle, as practised in France.

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Wine culture in India has finally begun to grow, though at slow pace and is unfortunately mostly restricted to rich society and gourmet circles. This is perhaps because wine is an alien taste for the Indian palate except perhaps for the sweet port type wines we drink at weddings. Wine drinking attracts much snob value and those who have never tried it are afraid of seeming ignorant. They do not know what flavour to expect, often are unaware of such terms such as 'dry' or 'brut',' medium-dry' or 'demi-sec' and 'sweet' or 'sec/doux'. Not surprising considering the fact that those who write on the subject assume that the reader already knows. Those of my friends who have

drunk wine with me, all Indian wine, and time, will tell you that it is a wonderful you that one cannot learn to appreciate produce. Okay, so wine from traditional good. It is bound to be. But to write off the vast majority of new wine buffs who people have access to French or even understand and accept is that wine is an and only consistent drinking will educate happens when you offer our foreign guest (buttermilk)? He is out at sea initially, but third or fourth attempt I have known many him discussing the finer points of the points of paani puri ka pani as compared such as meetha/teekha chutneys. Wine



many have been introduced to it for the first exercise, well worth trying. Let no one tell good wine if you begin with our home wine growing countries is exceptionally our local offerings is unfair. Especially for have to start somewhere. After all how many American wines. The important thing to acquired taste.

your taste buds to the new flavour. What a glass of jal jira? Or even some chaas as his palate absorbs the flavours, by the to have loved the drink! Soon you will find various versions of chaas and lassi, the finer to jal jira and the pros and cons of additives tasting is no different. After a few trials, you

will learn to discern the, delicate nuances and decide which of those you like and how.

A history of Mother's Day

By HOLLY HILDEBRAND

Houston Chronicle Interactive

The first celebrations in honour of mothers were held in the spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17th century, England honoured mothers on "Mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

In the United States, Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. Her campaign to establish such a holiday began as a remembrance of her mother, who died in 1905 and who had, in the late 19th century, tried to establish "Mother's Friendship Days" as a way to heal the scars of the Civil War.

Two years after her mother died, Jarvis held a ceremony in Grafton, W. Va., to honour her. She was so moved by the proceedings that she began a massive campaign to adopt a formal holiday honouring mothers. In 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognize Mother's Day. A year later, nearly every state officially marked the day. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialisation of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations -- Jarvis' symbol for mothers -- to raise money. "This is not what I intended," Jarvis said. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

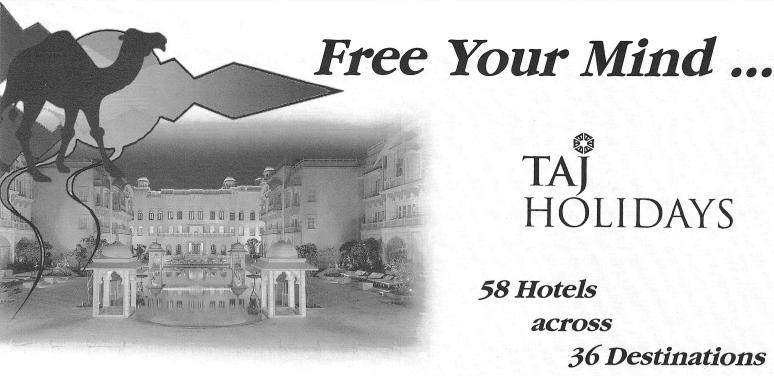
When she died in 1948, at age 84, Jarvis had become a woman of great ironies. Never a mother herself, her maternal fortune dissipated by her efforts to stop the commercialisation of the holiday she had founded, Jarvis told a reporter shortly before her death that she was sorry she had ever started Mother's Day. She spoke these words in a nursing home where every Mother's Day her room had been filled with cards from all over the world.

Today, because and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Days are held throughout the world. Although they do not all fall at the same time, such countries as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium also celebrate Mother's Day on the same day as the United States.

Things only Martha Stewart would know:

- 1. Stuff a miniature marshmallow in the bottom of a sugar cone to prevent ice cream drips.
- 2. Use a meat baster to "squeeze" your pancake batter onto the hot griddle and you'll get perfectly shaped pancakes every time.
- 3. To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.
- 4. To prevent egg shells from cracking, add a pinch of salt to the water before hard-boiling.
- 5. Run your hands under cold water before pressing Rice Crispy Treats in the pan and the marshmallow won't stick to your fingers.
- 6. To get the most juice out of fresh lemons, bring them to room temperature and roll them under your palm against the kitchen counter before squeezing.
- 7. To easily remove burnt on food from your skillet, simply add a drop or two of dish soap and enough water to cover bottom of pan, and bring to a boil on stove-top.
- 8. Spray your Tupperware with non-stick cooking spray before pouring in tomatobased sauces and there won't be any stains.
- 9. When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.
- 10. If you accidentally over-salt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato and it will absorb the excess salt for an instant "fix me up."
- Wrap celery in aluminium foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.
- 12. Brush some beaten egg white over pie crust before baking to yield a beautiful glossy finish.
- 13. Place a slice of apple in hardened brown sugar to soften it.
- 14. When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.
- 15. To determine whether an egg is fresh, immerse it in a pan of cool, salted water. If it sinks, it is fresh, but if it rises to the surface, throw it away.

- 16. Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.
- 17. Don't throw out all that leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.
- 18. If you have a problem opening jars: Try using latex dishwashing gloves. They give a non-slip grip that makes opening jars easy.
- 19. Potatoes will take food stains off your fingers. Just slice and rub raw potato on the stains and rinse with water.
- 20. To get rid of itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area and you will experience instant relief.
- 21. Ants, Ants, Ants... Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march. See for yourself.
- 22. Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to the shine.
- 23. When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.
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pots came to a boil. In one he placed carrots, other he placed eggs, and in the last he placed

ground coffee beans. saying a word. The daughter wondered what he was trying to making this strange concoction. In the oven and turned down the placed them in the bowl. He pulled

He let them sit and boil, without sucked her teeth and impatiently do. She had problems, and he was half an hour he walked over to fire. He pulled the carrots out and the eggs out and placed them in

the bowl. Then he ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her he asked. "Darling what do you see."

Smartly, she replied. "Carrots, eggs, and coffee."

He brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Her

face frowned from the strength of the coffee.

Humbly, she asked. "What does it mean Father." He explained. "Each of them faced the same adversity, 212 degrees of boiling water. However each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. But after going through boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg was fragile. A thin outer shell protected a liquid centre. But after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The coffee beans are unique however. After they were in the boiling water, it became stronger and richer." "Which are you," he asked his daughter. When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean? Are you the carrot that seems hard, but with the smallest amount of pain, adversity, heat you wilt and become soft with no strength? Are you the egg, which starts off with a malleable heart? A fluid spirit. But after a death, a break up, a divorce, a layoff you became hardened and stiff. Your shell looks the same, but you are so bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and heart, internally. Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean does not get its peak flavour and robust until it reaches 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

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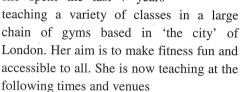




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Overnight trip to The Golden Temple at Amritsar

This is not a normal tourist haunt, and all the more enjoyable for that. A small group of us set off for Amritsar on the 7.20 am Shatabdi train from New Delhi Railway Station. We travelled A/C chair class, which was comfortable, and the price of the ticket included a hot breakfast, bottled drinking water and tea, with each passenger getting an individual flask of water. The journey took 5 hours and 40 minutes, and we arrived just a few minutes late. The taxi driver sent to meet us was waiting on the platform, we were easy to spot, being the only 6 non Indians getting off the train.!! Ten minutes later we arrived at Mrs Bhandari's Guest House. As we drove through the gate, we were met by 3 tethered water buffalo, chewing quietly, and watching us intently!!!

The formalities of checking in were done in a very relaxed way, while we sat in the garden enjoying a beer, and some lunch. According to a well known guide book, the bedrooms are "stuck in a now very fashionable 1950's time warp", and are very clean, and homely. Mrs Bhandari was extremely helpful, and arranged our itiner-

ary to make the best use of our time there. We relaxed in the large peaceful garden until our driver returned for our first excursion, a 35 kilometre drive to the border, to watch the Flag Ceremony, which takes place every day at sunset. It was quite an extraordinary affair, watched by hundreds of people, on both side of the border (the Indians have proper tiered grandstand seats, but on the Pakistani side, it was standing only. We were invited to sit on the high kerb, at the side of the road, definitely VIP seats, as we had an uninterrupted view. When the official ceremony was over, the flags lowered, and the border gates slammed shut (literally), there was a great surge of people to the gates. They stood shaking their fists, and shouting at the citizens across the border. We were assured that it was all quite good natured, but it certainly didn't look it!

On our return to the Guest House we were offered the use of a sitting room inside, or a table in the garden, to partake of the liquid refreshment (wine!) we had brought with us. The only man among us chose to have the offered beer. The weather was so pleasant at 7.30 pm, we chose the garden to enjoy our dishes of poached mango and cape gooseberries

At 9 pm, our driver appeared to take us to the Temple for the Book closing Ceremony. Our first view of the temple, shining golden, in the floodlights, set in the large sacred lake (the pool of nectar) and surrounded by gleaming white marble buildings, was quite memorable. Despite the number of people there, and the continuous amplified chanting from the temple, there was a very peaceful ambiance. We wandered round, in our bare feet, with our heads covered, not quite blending with the locals, but causing no stares or comment.

The temple is reached by crossing a causeway and the entire building is richly decorated, and quite sumptuous. There was a lovely smell of roses in the temple, which was full of pilgrims praying, or just sitting soaking up the atmosphere. At 10 pm the Guru Granth Saheb, the most holy book of the Sikh religion, was wrapped in several layers of sheeting, and lifted into a palanquin, (palki) which was carried on the shoulders of devotees across the causeway to the Shri Akal Takht Sahib where it is kept till dawn. Heading the procession was a huge horn, blowing mournfully to announce the progress of the parade. We all agreed that it was a ceremony well worth seeing.

Back at the guest house we had coffee and tea

served before retiring. As a real personal touch, we all had hot water bottles waiting in our beds!!! Breakfast was served outside and then it was off to do some more sightseeing, but this time by tonga (a horse drawn carriage). Our first stop was back to the temple, to see it in daylight, and explore it more thoroughly. We spoke to a few pilgrims, who all came from exotic places like, Wolverhampton, Hayes, and Birmingham (all

U.K.) with some from as far afield as Canada and the USA. After a couple of hours there, we were taken to various markets, by our driver, who seemed to know just what we wanted to see, and then it was lunch time. We had the name of a chicken restaurant in Lawrence Road, but we failed to find it. However the driver found one of a similar name, and as it was new, and clean we decided to give it a go, the food was all freshly cooked, and tasty. There was even a proper flush loo!!!

After that we visited the Jallianwala Bagh, a park only 5 minutes walk from the temple. The park commemorates the 2000 Indians who were killed or wounded, shot at indiscriminately by the British in 1919. This was one of the major events in India's struggle for independence and was movingly created in the film "Ghandi". The story of this appalling massacre is told in the Martyr's Gallery. By now it was time to return to the guest house, pay the bill, and head back to the station. There are several more temples we didn't have time to visit, but felt we had definitely filled our 2 days well. The Shatabdi whisked us back to Delhi, and we seemed to spend the whole journey being fed !!!We all ate the local food, and the meals on the train, with no ill effects.

We stayed in Mrs Bhandari's Guest House 10 Cantonment Amritsar.Phone: 0091-183-228509/225714, email payal@mol.net.in I must stress that this is not a hotel, so do not expect anything more than simple local hospitality, but the staff are friendly, and the whole place (including the buffalo guarters) very clean.

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COMPUTER PAGE.



=== Computers 101 ===

Q:

I get the error message, "This program has preformed an illegal operation and will be shut down". Why does this keep happening?

A:

It can happen for a variety of reasons. In my experience, most of the time it's due to a software conflict of some sort, usually with a program that's running in the background.

If you find you have a bunch of stuff sitting in your system tray (it's the little box opposite the Start button on the taskbar), you may find that shutting down some of those programs will help tremendously (most have an option to shut down if you right-click their icon). It's usually one of them that's the culprit (RealPlayer causes *lots* of problems), especially if the program with the problem seems to be the only thing running.

You can also use the CTRL-ALT-DEL key combination to shut programs down manually, but you also run the risk of accidentally shutting your computer down (Don't close Explorer or Systray). Only do this after you've shut down all your system try icons and are continuing to have problems.

If you shut all of those background programs down and still haven't resolved the conflict, you may have a Windows driver that's messing things up. Try booting to Safe Mode and running the program. (To get to Safe Mode, hit the F8 key just as Windows starts to boot, before the first Windows loading screen comes up). If all works well in safe mode, you may have to re-install or update your drivers.

Another possibility is the program has a corrupted file. Try uninstalling then re-installing the program.

If you're still having problems, contact the program's vender and see if they know what's going on. Although they may not be able to help you,

it's still worth a try. Keep in mind that every computer is as unique as you and I once we start using it, so sometimes even the guy who wrote the program won't know why it's causing a problem on your machine and no one else's.

I can usually resolve the illegal operation problem by taking the steps above. Don't panic if you see this error message crop up from time to time at random intervals. It happens, usually after Windows has been running awhile without a re-boot. Only take the actions above if the problem appears every time, or almost every time, you use a particular program .

Lots of newer computers display a "splash" screen when you first turn them on. Usually it's the name of the manufacturer of your computer. I guess they worry that if they don't run it every day, you'll forget who built your computer or something. Anyhow, if you've ever wondered what's behind the screen, you're in luck. Most computers will drop the splash screen if you hit the Escape key.

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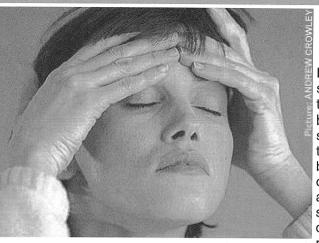
'WHEN was the last time you were beside yourself with excitement and exploding with vitality?" asks Debra Waterhouse. She knows the answers most women will give, once they have stopped laughing: so

long ago that they cannot remember, or in a dream they had recently. All stressed out: women are suffering from increased levels of exhaustion Women, says Waterhouse, are suffering from an energy crisis on a huge scale. Stressed and exhausted from juggling the demands of family and work, they have forgotten how to take care of themselves. Their energy tanks are close to empty and they are in danger of careening downhill to an abrupt halt unless they change course.

Eighty per cent of women say they feel exhausted on a daily basis, and 50 per cent wake up feeling sad and not looking forward to the day," says Waterhouse, an ebullient Californian with a background in nutrition and public health. For her latest book, she asked 200 women to rate their energy level on a scale from one (semiconscious) to 10 (unstoppable). The average was four (running out of steam, almost dead on my feet). The respondent reckoned that their average five years ago was eight (productive, efficient and raring to get to the aerobics class). "Women's levels of stress and fatigue are growing all the time," says Waterhouse. "Life is getting a lot harder. We work 85 hours a week between home and career - more than two full-time jobs. We do 1,473 hours of housework a year - the same amount we did in the Sixties when most of us did not have an outside career. "The body is like a battery: energy in has to equal energy out. But what we are putting in isn't coming close to what we are expending, and that is why we are so tired. We are overworked. over-stressed and over-scheduled and at the same time undernourished, under-rested and under-Waterhouse has come up with eight strategies for naturally restoring the body's energy. ."

She does not advocate energy enhancers such as caffeine, supplements or herbs

Nor does she suggest ditching your husband, changing jobs or leaving home. "Your fatigue is not telling you that you need a new life,



But a new outlook on life," she says. "The smallest things can make the biggest difference. Try starting the day with a 'not to do' list. Don't make the bed, for example. Or cancel a lunch meeting with a friend who is going to stress you out. It is very difficult to do less, so replenish yourself more

Eat well

Food is the most important weapon in the war against fatigue, says Waterhouse, and women are not getting enough. She urges us to throw our diet sheets out of the window and learn to eat all kinds of foods in moderation. Most of us, she claims, need more protein, fat and carbohydrates than we are getting. Eat little and often, and only when hungry.

Drink plenty of water

Fatigue is the first and most common sign of dehydration. As your blood volume decreases, your heart pumps harder to oxygenate your body; you develop a headache and your legs feel like lead. On average we need about three pints of water a day to replace what we lose. Keep a glass of water by you while you work and a bottle in the car. Have a glass with meals and designate three other times as your regular water-drinking slots.

Take exercise

Exercise not only increases production of endorphins (the feel-good brain chemicals), it reduces anxiety and depression and improves memory, imagination and sleep quality. If you cannot build a formal exercise regime into your week, remember that mowing the lawn, gardening, vacuum cleaning and running up stairs are all energising.

Get close to nature

There's nothing like being close to nature for recharging the batteries, says Waterhouse. "Nature quickly restores our energy and outsmarts our fatigue because it is pleasing to all five senses." Get out of doors more. Sunlight has been found to release brain serotonin (thus improving mood), reduce stress, enable our bodies to make vitamin D (essential for healthy bones) and calm PMS and menopausal tension. Bring nature into your home: plant a herb garden on your windowsill, buy flowers, relax to tapes of the sea.

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Sleep well

If you always doze off in the cinema or when reading, watching television or being driven in a car, you are "sleep-deprived". Try adding 15 minutes of extra sleep a night until your energy levels rise. To improve sleep quality, avoid coffee after 4pm and alcohol - it knocks you out but reduces good dream sleep. Don't go to bed empty - hunger releases adrenaline - or too full: stomach acid production can interfere with sleep. Try a light snack half an hour before bedtime: crackers, cereal, muffins or bananas. Drink a spoonful of honey dissolved in warm milk: the sugar releases serotonin and the calcium in milk aids drowsiness.

Get intimate

Waterhouse defines intimacy as connecting with yourself and others on a meaningful level. She suggests spending more time with friends who make you feel good; taking up a cause; getting in touch with your spiritual side; improving your sex life; giving yourself treats, such as a massage, facial or manicure. Above all, it means doing anything that improves your self-esteem.

Find your sense of humour

"Happy, optimistic people have cleaner arteries, less cancer, fewer colds, a stronger immune system and more energy and live longer," says Waterhouse. "So welcome laughter into your life." Watch television comedies, download internet jokes, talk to funny friends. Get together with other women - they laugh 127 per cent more than men. Studies have shown that the bigger the group, the more fun you'll have.

Reduce stress

The hardest part of the battle against exhaustion is slowing down the pace of life, shedding responsibilities and cutting your to-do list. Waterhouse suggests:
Making Sunday a real day of rest.
Designate a quiet time in every day.
Relax - by meditating, reading, doing yoga.
Tell everybody that you are going away - and stay at

Do less:

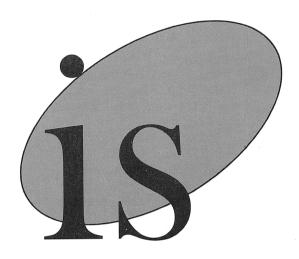
home.

let somebody else do it; eliminate unfulfilling obligations; schedule your calendar to make life more enjoyable; start saying "no".

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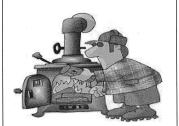
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Technology for Country Folk

LOG ON:

Making a wood stove hot



LOG OFF:

Too much wood on fire



MONITOR:

Keep'n an eye on the wood stove



DOWN LOAD:

Gitten the farwood off n the truck



MEGA HERTZ:

When yer not keerfull gitten the farwood



FLOPPY DISC:

Whatcha git from tryin to tote too much farwood



RAM:

That thar thang what splits the farwood



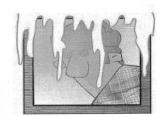
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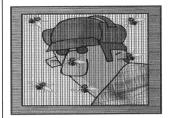
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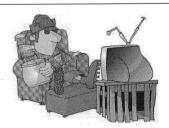
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CHIP:

Munchies fer the TV



MICRO CHIP:

Whut's in the bottom of the munchie bag



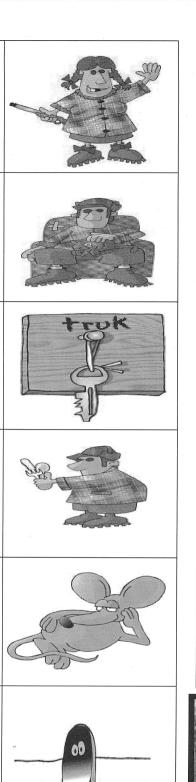
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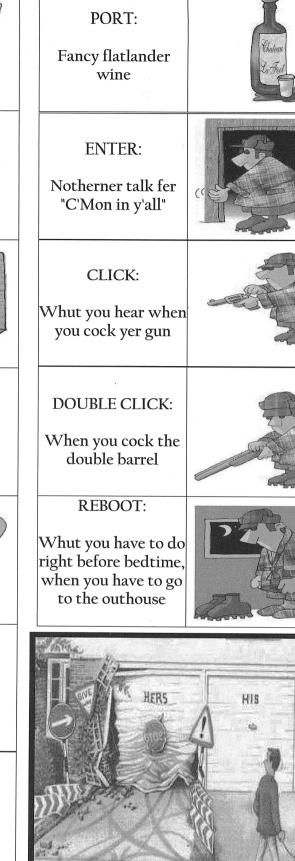


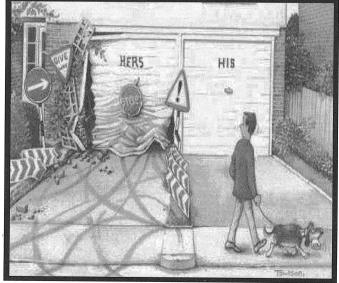
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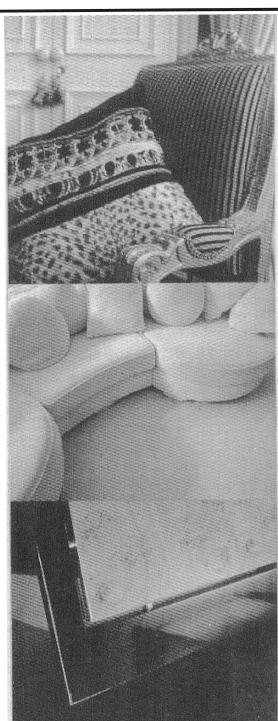
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A Message from the AWA's Domestic Staff Registry:

The Delhi Network has kindly allowed us to include this year's Servants' Salary Survey Questionnaire as a flyer with your April magazine. We urge you to fill it in completely and return **no later than April 27** to either the Delhi Network office or the AWA's Office at Gate D of the American Embassy Compound on Panchsheel Marg. Results will give us an overview of the situations and salaries being paid to servants in our community. Tabulations and report will be available in May.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to provide your employees with their reference letter well before you leave Delhi so that we can call to verify. *Alternatively, please provide an international email address*. We will not register letters into a file unless we can verify them. In writing your letters, please give as much detailed information as possible: How large is your family/home? Can your cook read and follow English recipes? Does your driver also maintain your automobile? Does your ayah know any first aid?

If you don't feel comfortable writing "the truth" as you see it in your employee's reference letter, <u>please take the time to write directly to our office</u>. Although it would be unnecessary to put everything that bothered you about your employee into a letter, it is important that the Registry be made aware of certain facts that will aid the incoming expatriate to find suitable staff.

The DSR needs you to let us know when you terminate a staff member's employment, for whatever reason. You can't imagine how many times we hear, "I'm on my third cook." If you hired an employee through the Registry (or even if you didn't get them through the Registry), did you send a letter telling us of your bad experience? If a cook has been caught padding grocery bills or a driver caught siphoning and selling petrol and is fired, we can't warn others or put that information into his/her file unless the employer writes to us.

Obviously, hiring a virtual stranger to work in your home or to take care of your children is tricky business. Personalities are key. The DSR wants to have only qualified, trustworthy people to work for you, but we need your help. If you ever have questions or concern, you are always welcome to call or drop by (bring your passport for entry) and speak with our Secretary, Barnali, or one of our volunteers on any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning.

If you would like to volunteer your time to work at the Registry, we would be happy to train you. Please give us a try and meet the other volunteers who have helped this year. Our thanks go out to the following volunteers (*not AWA members).

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- for registration: Thursday 9.30 to 12.00 noon (last documents accepted at 10.30 am).

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